



**HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**March 25, 2015 MINUTES**

The Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday March 25, 2015 at the Street Jones Building at 1000 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78702.

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

**Board Members in Attendance: Diego Martinez-Moncada, Emilio Zamora and Martha Cotera**

**Staff in Attendance: Marion Sanchez, Community Engagement Consultant**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner Cotera and seconded by Vice-Chair Martinez-Moncada to approve the minutes. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote.

**2. Citizens Communication**

There were no citizens signed up to speak for citizen's communication.

**3. Election of Officers**

A motion was made by Commissioner Cotera and seconded by Commissioner Zamorato nominate Vice-Chair Martinez-Moncada to become Chair of the Commission. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Chair Martinez-Moncada and seconded by Commissioner Cotera to nominate Commissioner Zamora as Vice-Chair of the Commission. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote.

**4. Presentation from Health and Human Service Department staff regarding departmental programs, projects and initiatives. (Presenters: Stephanie Hayden, Assistant Director, HHSD and RosaMaria Murillo, Assistant Director, HHSD)**

Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) Assistant Director, Stephanie Hayden and Cynthia Gamez, HHSD Program Coordinator provided a presentation on departmental programs, projects and initiatives. Staff advised the Commission that HHSD will have a new director soon, and that Shannon Jones, the new HHSD Director would be happy to come do a presentation on the department, per the Commission's request.

Chair Martinez-Moncada asked for information on the HHSD budget, which staff will provide. The commission also asked for a list of Pre-K programs that are financially supported by cities around the country, a list of city departments and local agencies providing youth services, and also asked what outreach materials related to injury prevention are available in Spanish and to have them available at neighborhood

centers and other related centers. After the presentation, Ms. Hayden and Ms. Gamez fielded questions from the Commission.

5. **Discussion and possible action regarding the State of Texas' position on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).**

A motion was made by Commissioner Cotera and seconded by Chair Martinez-Moncada to approve a resolution that the Commission recommends that the Austin City Council include in its lobbying portfolio, before the Texas Legislature, the positive advocacy of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and non-resident tuition waiver for undocumented youth. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote.

6. **Discussion and possible action regarding more expansive and effective intergovernmental coordination regarding educational issues affecting the Latino community in Austin.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Cotera and seconded by Chair Martinez-Moncada to approve a resolution that the Commission requests that the Austin City Council to seek funding for comprehensive after-school public school programs, consolidates existing intergovernmental (City/AISD/County) efforts and initiatives, and initiates new ones modeled after related programs sponsored by the Los Angeles City Council (LA's Best) and the San Antonio City Council Pre-K for SA. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote.

7. **Discussion of future agenda items**

The Commission will discuss budget recommendations, and the process related to the budget, for the FY 15/16 budget year. There will also be an item to hear from the African-American and Asian-American Quality of Life Advisory Commissions to hear how they relay their budget recommendations to the City Council.

There will be a discussion on the recommendation on mapping and alignment of youth services.

There will be a discussion on establishing a City sponsored VISTA program.

There will be a discussion to recommend that the City to establish an office of development (specifically for grant seeking) in the Economic Development Department or the Health and Human Services Department.

There will be a presentation on Civic Engagement from the Communications and Public Information Office.

There will be a presentation from City staff about the restructuring of the Council Committees and any changes to the Boards and Commissions.

8. **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Commissioner Cotera to adjourn and it was seconded by Chair Martinez-Moncada. The Commission approved the motion unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm